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GOP Record: For, Of and By Hoover

By Louis F. Budenz

If there is anything above all that the tax tussle on Capitol Hill has debunked and deflated, it is the pretensions of the Republican Party.

The antics of Herbert Hoover's adherents in Congress last week rounded out a thoroughly discreditable and even disgraceful record. And it can be written down now, the ex-Great Engineer is the big boss of the entire "Grand Old Party."

When the Republicans voted in a solid bloc against the President, they added one more major black mark to their anti-people's stand throughout. From lend-lease to the tax measure, the GOP Congressmen have registered themselves on the wrong side of the political ledger, on the side indeed which would slow down the possibilities of victory.

In 1942, when the present Congressional slate was being contested, the GOP-men were tuning up on entirely different strings. Then they went to the country with the solemn pledge that they would be the custodians of national unity. They knew a bitter war was on, they said, and they would stand solidly by the commander-in-chief. What was required was the presence of a few members of a "loyal opposition" in Congress to check upon the efficiency and efficacy of the war measures and help put desirable objectives across.

GOP Words Made of Sand

The people, their edge dulled a little too much, took the Republicans at their word and sent a big number of them to Congress. The GOP words soon proved to be made of sand. Even before 1942, they had begun to build up a rank record of obstruction which should have put the people more on the alert.

On the arms embargo, they had cast their ballots against the security of the country. In the House of Representatives, it was 21 Republicans for the repeal of the embargo and 143 against; in the Senate, 8 Republicans for, 15 against.

On lend-lease—which strengthened America's arm by strengthening her allies), the House Republicans voted 135 to 24 against such aid. The Senate Republicans registered themselves 17 to 10 against the country's welfare.

For more recent cases, look at the vote in the Senate killing the food subsidies and that in the House robbing the soldiers of the ballot. In favor of boosting the cost of living for the people through the wiping out of food subsidies were 17 Republican Senators against only 17 who took a patriotic viewpoint.

On the robbery of the soldiers' vote was even more overwhelming. The House Republicans recorded themselves 175 to 18 for depriving our fighting men and women of the vote.

There is no possibility of the people turning to the Republican Party unless they want to be represented by defeatists and rightists who vote in this manner. We are satisfied that the people, if and when fully advised, will not want such misrepresentation.

In view of such record, too, Wendell Willkie's talk about the Republican Party's having "rejuvenated" Congress is much the same as the crass song "Mairde Deesse." But the latter is frankly nonsense, while Willkie makes his

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Mayor Names Committee on Racial Unity

Mayor La Guardia announced yesterday the formation of his long-awaited Committee on Unity. Headed by Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., attorney, the committee consists of twenty civic, labor and Negro leaders of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths.

It was made manifest in the recent (December) Gallup Poll of rank and file Democratic voters, when 85 per cent of them recorded themselves for the President. That was as resounding a mandate to FDR to run again as the unanimous stand of the Democratic National Committee in late January to the same intent and purpose.

Greedy-Needy Fight All the Way

The President has stood courageously and consistently against the machinations of the Republicans, to hit hard at the masses. When Mr. Roosevelt labelled the tax bill last week as a relief to the greedy and a burden on the needy, he was characterizing the whole "old Mother Hubbard" treatment for the people which the rightists coalition has continually handed out.

This has been demonstrated in its general anti-labor and anti-peoples attitude, as note its try at boosting the cost of living, its schemes to put the tax load on the people's backs and its strenuous struggle to defraud ten million men and women of the ballot.

The coalition has been evilly at work, on definite and brass-tack matters such as the Smith-Connally Bill and union registration. Every one familiar with the history of reactionary attempts to bring about registration of unions knows its undemocratic character. The Repub-Bean-led coalition with the poll-taxers put it through sneakily by adding it as a rider to the tax bill.

Labor and Negroes Behind FDR

When we observe such chicanery, we can do a patriotic job in playing Cassandra to labor. What Bill Huichens and his political buddies are after—is what a debacle they would lead labor if given the chance can be readily detected from this labor-smashing move by his GOP friends.

The Negro people and their leaders have as much investment as labor in ridding America of its present Congressional set-up. The President represents their interests in his valiant battle for the soldiers' vote; it is in the camp around the President's banner that they find their allies in the fight against the poll tax.

To the eternal credit of the Negro people, they expressed themselves in the Fortune poll of last year as more favorable proportionately to the President than any other group of our fellow-citizens. They have even more reason now to enlist in the people's army against the Republican-poll tax coalition in Congress and behind the banners of FDR.

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Queens Unions Act Jointly on '44 Poll

Queens AFL, CIO and independent unions joined yesterday in agreement to take parallel action in this year's elections the first joint endeavor on the political field of all branches of the labor movement in the history of the borough.

The move was announced jointly by the officers of the Queens County Labor Legislative Committee and the Queens CIO Community Councils. The Labor Legislative Committee has representatives from 22 AFL unions in the county, two independent unions and an official observer of the Brotherhood of Railroad Brothethers. The CIO Council represents the membership of 46 CIO local unions in Queens.

The joint statement issued by the two groups said in part:

"Following several discussions between the officers of our two groups, we have jointly agreed that labor's voice must be made heard during this critical time and that labor's full strength must be felt at the polls in 1944.

"There are no differences between us on program. Both the AFL and the CIO are dedicated to the unconditional surrender of fascism—to the task of winning the war and to the winning of the peace so that we can have an enduring period of peace and prosperity at home as well as abroad."

The statement was signed by Albert Hassemer of Local No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) Chairman of the Queens Legislative Committee and Maurice Forge of the Transport Workers' Union (CIO) chairman of the CIO Community Councils.

At Weinstock Testimonial



Lawrence P. Lindlein, International president of the AFL Brotherhood of Painters, congratulates Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 21 at the Riverside Plaza dinner Saturday night which marked two decades of Weinstock's activity in the labor movement. (See story on page 4.) —Daily Worker Photo

'Pacifists' Make Aim Clear--War on Soviets

By John Meldon

We counted one attack every five minutes against the Soviet Union, its Red Army and Premier Joseph Stalin, at the "United Pacifist Conference," which concluded a two-day session here last night.

The conference was held at the Labor Temple, 242 E.

9th Street.

Hitler was rarely mentioned by name and every speaker linked Nazism with Communism.

Most blatant anti-Soviet and anti-United Nations speakers were Evan Thomas, brother of Socialist Party head Norman Thomas, A. J. Muste, an executive director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and of course, George W. Hartmann, head of the pro-Hitler Peace Now mob.

Hartmann was given a rousing reception at Saturday's session when he appeared on the platform to address a "special interests" group of the conference, which strangely enough, turned out to be the entire 200 delegates attending.

The welcome to Hartmann substantiated charges the Daily Worker has been making right along that Hartmann's "Peace Now," composed of United Nations flags, Senator Murray and the enthusiastic delegates that nothing we have done for the Russian people can ever compare with the sacrifices they are

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The Soviet Government, the Senator stated, has since the outbreak of the war given refuge to more Jewish refugees than all the rest of the world combined. "It should be a source of great rejoicing to every American," he said, "that of the 1,750,000 who succeeded in escaping the bloody sword of the German invaders, no less than 1,600,000 were evacuated by the Soviet government from Eastern Poland and the Russian territory which was subsequently occupied by the Germans. The rest of the world took about 150,000 Jews—less than one-tenth of those who found refuge in the Soviet Union."

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Last night's session was headed by three speakers who discussed "the threat of post war fascism and what pacifists can do about it." Speakers were Layle Lane, representing the War Resisters' League; Julian Cornell, counsel for the National Committee of Conscientious Objectors and Broadus Mitchell, director of research for Dubinsky's International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Main thesis of the speakers was that even if Hitler is defeated, a fascist regime in the U. S. A. and throughout the world is a foregone conclusion, so we might as well call the whole war off now because the people have nothing to gain from its further prosecution.

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Feb. 27 (UP)—More than 14,000 prisoners have been captured so far in the Italian campaign. Allied Headquarters announced today as bad weather closed in over all Italian battlefronts to hold ground activity to small skirmishes and patrol activity.

Halted on the ground by Allied stone-wall defenses, the German 7th glider bomb attacks at dusk against Anzio harbor area last Friday headquarters revealed, in a re-assumption of their efforts to break up the flow of supplies pouring into the beachhead troops.

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WASHINGON, Feb. 27 (UP)—Housewives tomorrow get their first look at the world's greatest food rationing program, the stamp-plus token plan which OPA officials promise will be much simpler than the old one.

Officially, the plan went into effect today. Actually consumers begin their indoctrination courses tomorrow when grocery and meat stores open for early shoppers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (UP)—Rep. John M. Coffee (D., Wash.) declared tonight that the country must end "the farce of false neutrality" and make a complete break with Spain.

He assailed "our timid, head-in-the-sand policies of appeasing Francisco Franco, the Spanish figure-head."

"After all the blood the democracies have shed in this war against world fascism, we still refuse to take cognizance that Spain is officially a signatory of the Axis pact. We still shut our official eyes to evidence of German submarine and fueling bases in Spanish waters. We still extend the official hand of friendship to Franco who sends divisions to fight our Allies on the Russian front."

"We are told by the defenders of this policy that, if we get Franco angry, he will go over to the Axis lock, stock and barrel," he said.

"What utter nonsense! Franco went over in 1939."

The United Press regrets having circulated this erroneous report and has cabled apologies to

for Torrens, who is pledged to support the President's war program.

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Dewey Injects Defeatist Note in City Election Tomorrow; Torrens Backs FDR

President Roosevelt's struggle against obstruction in Congress was formally introduced as the issue in tomorrow's congressional election in the 21st District by Governor Dewey in his letter of endorsement to William S. Bennett, Republican candidate.

Dewey says in the letter that "the news of the fight against Congress in Washington" shows "that its very existence... is at stake" and that "Congress needs all the strength it can obtain."

Though Gavagan won by 30,000 as the Democratic-ALP candidate in the 1942 elections, Republicans believe they have a good chance to take the by-election and are sparing no effort or expense to do it.

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in New York City, heart of FDR support, they will deal a heavy blow to the President and the war program.

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U.S. Output Amazes British Visitors, Say Labor for Unity

"American production, as we have seen it, is staggering," the four British workers who for the past two months have been touring U. S. war industries told *Alfred Labor News* this week.

"It just rocks you back to see aircraft and other war materials coming off the assembly lines like automobile did before the war," they declared in a joint statement. "The speed and efficiency of American production takes your breath away."

The visitors' coast-to-coast tour was conducted under the auspices of the Office of War Information and War Production Board.

"But one thing about this production flow must be stressed," they added. "The unions have real control over it. Thanks to the unions—which everywhere in the U. S. are undergoing tremendous expansion and strengthening—there is no longer indiscriminate speeding-up. Charlie Chaplin's 'Modern Times' is no longer true. Labor is the master of mass production."

The four workers are John Henry Jones, Iron and Steel Trades Confederation; Pat Carey, Sheet Metal Workers; James Henry Ward, Amalgamated Engineering Union; and John Henry Clark, Transport and General Workers.

One of the main impressions of their tour, they said, is "the tremendous desire of American work-

ers for unity with the workers of Britain, China, the Soviet Union, Latin America and all other allied countries. There is a growing recognition, they said—among AFL as well as CIO workers—that international labor must stick together if we are going to have a world organized in the interests of the common people after the war."

Considerable concern is being expressed by AFL members at the federation's non-participation in the forthcoming world labor conference in London, they added, explaining: "at meeting after meeting which we attended—AFL, CIO and joint AFL-CIO resolutions were passed calling for an all-inclusive international labor unity."

During their visit the four workers split up, Jones going to Pittsburgh and other steel centers, Ward to Los Angeles, Wichita, Chicago and Bridgeport; Clark to St. Louis, Cleveland and Wilmington, and Carey to Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Camden and other war industry areas.

Queried on his view of John L. Lewis, Carey—shop stewards' chairman in a London plant making Halifax bombers—said:

"He seems like a Cinderella who has lost her last slipper."

This week the visitors had a two-hour interview with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in her New York apartment.

Australia Labor Backs Move of Gov't for More Federal Powers

SYDNEY. Feb. 27 (ALN).—The wealth government for a period of post-war world," the council declared.

Large business interests and "state's righters," arguing along similar lines as opponents of a federal ballot for servicemen in the U. S., are vigorously opposing the "powers bill."

Typical of the trade union attitude is the statement this week by the national council of the Amalgamated Ironworkers—Munition Workers, which, after stressing the primary importance of "subordinating everything for victory over fascism," outlined a program for a better life after the war in line with government proposals.

"The unity achieved at Tehran and the advance of the armies of the United Nations on all fronts will have tremendous influence on the aboriginal peoples of this continent."

Colombia Labor Spurs Drive to Have Lopez Back as Gov't Chief

BOGOTA. Feb. 27 (ALN).—Organized labor wants Dr. Alfonso Lopez to return to the presidency of Colombia, from which he took a leave of absence, and the campaign initiated by the Confederation of Colombian Workers (CTC) to bring him back is gaining strength.

It is widely believed here that Dr. Lopez was forced to take leave of his post by reactionary and anti-labor elements in his own Liberal Party. Dr. Dario Echandia, now acting president, is understood to have refused to go along with the attempt to prevent Lopez from resuming office.

Anti-government activity by the

Jewish Parley To Press Laws Against Bias

MOSCOW. Feb. 27 (ALN).—Replying to the cabled greetings from 78 members of the British Parliament to the Bar Council of Italian democratic parties last month, the executive committee of the Italian Committee of Liberation this week urged the M. Ps "to present and clarify once and for all to the English people the truth, past and present," about Italy.

"We count on you to create through your example a thorough understanding of the Italian people on the part of the British Parliament and British public opinion," the message, signed by representatives of the Labor, Action, Christian Democratic, Communist, Labor-Democratic and Socialist parties, stated. Messages were also sent to Bar Council by CIO president Philip Murray and AFL president William Green.

About a Fleeing Nazi General Who Lost His Diary...

By Ilya Ehrenburg
(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW. Feb. 25.—When the commander of the 106th infantry division, Lieut. Gen. Forst, beat a hasty retreat he forgot to take along his diary. This diary gives us an inkling of the joys and sorrows of the German general.

In May of 1943, Field Marshal von Manstein paid the general a visit. Later he lived in a Ukrainian village which he describes as "clean and pleasant." He ate well and dreamt about the approaching offensive.

Just before the decisive victories, the lieutenant general was given a furiously which he spent at the health resort of Pirmont with his wife. On his return to the front he went back to his alcoholic joys.

In June, the lieutenant general again visited the west. He had been called out to Hitler's headquarters. Availing himself of the opportunity, Forst decided to visit his wife who was already at home in Alberfeld. Here the general suf-

fused several unpleasant minutes. This is what he writes:

"All the stations on the way were completely destroyed. It was clear that Alberfeld had also been heavily bombed. Our fine-looking barracks were severely damaged. As I drew closer to my house I found myself in ruins. The restaurant "Priesdeshelm" was razed to the ground. Our house is still standing whereas the neighboring buildings were either burned down or heavily damaged."

"A small caliber incendiary bomb cut through to our kitchen. We boarded up the windows and packed away the most valuable belongings."

On June 27, we left on an army truck for Hagen and from there for Sagen."

This sad incident closes the first chapter of the diary. The second chapter is headed "offensive." Hitler denied that the German troops launched an offensive on Kurk on July 5, 1943. General Forst was more frank:

"My division was the second one

Looking Over Invasion Coast



Allied chiefs watch American and British ground units in invasion maneuvers off the English coast. An unidentified officer is pointing something out to (left to right) Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Commander-in-Chief of Invasion Forces; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, head of British invasion armies.

London Getting Fed Up With Polish Gov't Anti-Soviet Stand

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Increasing British impatience with the stubborn anti-Soviet stand of the Polish government-in-exile was reported over the week-end as it became clear that the London emigres have no intention of abandoning their claim to Byelorussian and Ukrainian territories east of the Curzon line.

Whether or not the Polish government would soon crack up as a result of the deepening official British dissatisfaction with its attitude, week-end reports

made it clear that the real power in the government is the commander-in-chief of the Polish armed forces and "underground," Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski.

Together with the Polish president, Wladyslaw Raczkiewicz, Sosnkowski holds the whip-hand in the Polish regime and clearly has no intention of an amicable settlement with the Soviet Union.

According to London dispatches, the British foreign minister, Anthony Eden, saw the Polish foreign minister Tadeusz Romer on Friday and expressed in "rather sharp" terms his displeasure with the refusal of the reactionary Poles to accept the Curzon line as a basis for Soviet-Polish relations.

The Curzon line was originally proposed by the Soviet Union in its note of Jan. 31. It corresponds to the actual Polish border before the aggression upon the USSR in the summer of 1920. In his speech last Tuesday, Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared that the British government considers the Curzon line the only historically-just and politically-possible border.

CHURCHILL CLARIFIES ISSUE

Churchill expressed the conviction that post-war Poland could have territorial concessions at Germany's expense and a broad access to the Baltic sea. He emphasized that Great Britain, like the Soviet Union, is committed to the restoration of Polish independence, but not to the particular anti-Soviet frontiers which the Polish reactionaries insist upon claiming as their own.

The newspaper of the Polish armed forces in the Near East replied bitterly to Churchill's declaration and said: "we don't give up and will not give up anything."

Sosnkowski, meanwhile, in a speech to a Polish Air Force station in Britain declared that his alleged underground would cooperate with the Red Army only if the Soviet Union recognized the legality of the Polish government-in-exile's agents—a repetition of previous threats that the alleged underground will not cooperate with the Red Army unless the reactionaries have their way.

LONDON IMPATIENT

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certain sections of the Polish language press in this country are sabotaging the United Nations' aims, according to Lee Krzycki, president of American-Polish Labor Committee and vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Mr. Krzycki made the charge last week-end at an all-day conference of the Polish-American Trade Union Council of New Jersey.

Attacking the claim of the reactionary Polish press that Secretary of State Cordell Hull approves of aggression, Mr. Krzycki noted:

"When Hull came back with an agreement from Moscow, subversive sections of the Polish-American press said he went there to sell Poland down the Volga."

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Blast Dewey's Plan to End Court Election

State CIO Says Move Is Blow to People's Rights

The recent proposal by Governor Thomas E. Dewey to substitute an appointive system for judges instead of the present system of electing judges was characterized yesterday by Louis Hollander, president, and Harold J. Garrow, secretary-treasurer of the New York State CIO as "turning back the clock on democratic development and a blow to the people's right of free democratic choice."

The two State CIO officials added: "Under the Dewey plan, designation by the Governor deprives the people of any right to choose their judges. The people of the State of New York are not ready to accept their judges by dictate of whoever may be the occupant of the Executive Mansion. Governor Dewey's proposed plan is far worse than the evil it seeks to cure. His approach is hind-sight and not fore-sight."

A public hearing on the Governor's proposals will be held Thursday afternoon, March 2, in Albany, before the Senate Judiciary Committee. A number of leading civic and legal organizations in the state have expressed opposition to the proposals. Among them are the New York Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the Bronx Bar Association.

The State CIO officials recommended, in their statement yesterday, the substitution of the direct primary method in nominating judges instead of the present convention method. This, they said, "will filter out undesirable judicial candidates."

The primary method was recommended by the Lawyers Guild and the Bronx Bar Association in a conference of leaders of these two groups with legislative leaders last week. Charles Breit, Governor Dewey's counsel, participated in the conference, out of which arose the decision to a public hearing.

LaGuardia Names Inter-Racial Group

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Broadcasting Company invited him to speak over its facilities.

The Mayor said that a survey of about one per cent of the firms in the New York City revealed that they intend to purchase for building and machinery about \$1,300,000 worth of goods after the war firms that have developed post-war plans number 1003 of 1774 interviewed by the Mayor's Post War Industrial Committee, he reported. There are 140,000 business and industrial firms in the city. Since most of the large firms are among those interviewed, the average will not hold up among the rest.

He claimed, however, that firms in the city will spend many billions of dollars immediately after the war for building and machinery, and that many firms have their plans completed.

Following the national hook-up, the Mayor attacked the cut voted by the Legislature in state aid to education, which amounts to \$4,300,000 for the city. He claimed that a proportionate cut in the city's share of funds for education will have to be made.

Chinese Mission Land in Tehran From Britain

(By United Press)

A London broadcast reported Sunday that a Chinese goodwill mission which visited Britain has arrived by plane in Iran on their way home. The broadcast, heard in New York by the United Press, said the Chinese would spend three days in Tehran.

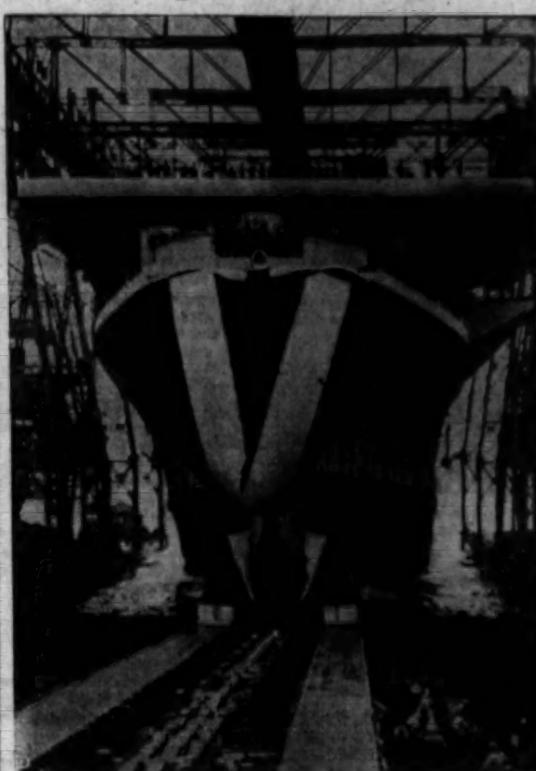


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Shangri-La Launched



The new aircraft carrier "Shangri-La" shown sliding down the ways into the water at Portsmouth, Va., Navy Yard. Named after a mythical place her lethal power will be anything but that—as the Japanese will learn later.

Negro Family Burned Out, Call Rally Tonight

The burning of a Negro home at 2744 Erickson St., East Elmhurst, supposedly by unknown persons early Saturday morning, will be protested at an interracial mass meeting in Community Hall, 35-30 103rd St., Corona, at 8:30 tonight (Monday). Speakers will include Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., former

Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Mrs. Stevens, chairman of the Manhattan Council, National Negro Congress, and Charles Collins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee.

Mrs. Herman Holiday, whose husband, a postoffice clerk, had left for work an hour earlier, was awakened by the crying of her 11-day-old infant about 3 A. M. Saturday morning. The second floor apartment occupied by her and husband and child was filled with smoke arising from below and she could hear the crackling of flames.

Mrs. Herman snatched up her partly dressed child, and ran into the street and to a neighbor's house. She knocked, but the door was slammed in her face when the woman who opened it saw the Negro mother and child.

A lone fireman appeared some time later, according to Walter Riefer, 100-02 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Negro agent for the property, but left a half hour later, having decided that he could do nothing. The Holiday infant is seriously ill of smoke poisoning in the Queens General Hospital.

The house, almost totally destroyed with all Holiday furnishings was bought recently by Mrs. Cora Keane of 1274 Fifth Ave., Manhattan, who was to move into the downstairs apartment this morning. Mr. Riefer's office said yesterday that Mr. and Mrs. Holiday, who moved into the house a bout two weeks ago, began immediately to receive anonymous phone calls threatening them with injury unless they got out.

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UE Local Proposes Job Plan for Vets

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27 (UPI)—Definite proposals for reemployment and readjustment and returning veterans were adopted by the veterans' committee of Local 325, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO.

Friendship is the absolute goal of Soviet foreign policy, he said, adding:

"It is for this reason that the woes of the Polish government-in-exile, or the adherents of Mannerheim in Finland—woes which are echoed by such an incongruous duet as that of the degraded Hearst press and the respectable New York Times—should be utterly rejected by all democratically-minded Americans."

HAILS SOVIET DRIVE

"With the Red Army columns approaching the Polish borders, the people of Poland know that Nazi domination will soon be brought to an end," Professor Zlotowski said.

"After five years of enslavement, those who escaped extermination are now hopefully looking to the long awaited day when the Polish flag will float again over Warsaw."

"And when the victory is won, the Polish people will build a free, independent and sincerely democratic Polish state, confident that the bonds of friendship between the people of Poland and the peoples of the Soviet Union, sealed in blood on the battlefields, will be the most important factor in the future of their country and the only protection against a new German onslaught."

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Film Front

By DAVID PLATT

NEgro and white America can be proud of a double victory. (1) The War Department has finally released "The Negro Soldier," the nation's first serious film on the new Negro. (2) Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has decided not to make "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at this time. Both victories illustrate as never before the power of public protest. This power first showed itself in the nation-wide fight led by the Daily Worker against MGM's "Tennessee Johnson," which resulted in heavy losses to the studio; and in the fight against the red-baiters who were out to "get" "Mission to Moscow" which led to its success at the box office.

The War Department film which is expected to open in New York shortly, goes deep into the history of America to show the tie-up between Negro patriots like Crispus Attucks, hero of the "Boston Massacre" and Doris Miller, hero of Pearl Harbor. It is the first film to give the Negro full credit for his role as a warrior for democracy. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" would have undone all this. Paul Robeson, you will recall was proposed for the part of Uncle Tom. From "Othello" to "Uncle Tom," quite an astonishing leap for a great artist. Robeson probably had a good laugh when he heard about it. Lena Horne was down for the part of Eliza. Miss Horne quickly made it clear to MOM that she was not interested. What about "Uncle Tom's Cabin"? As Fred Washington wrote so eloquently in "The People's Voice" a few weeks ago, Uncle Tom and Negro slavery in the pre-Civil War South, are not the issue today. "Black America is dying on the battlefields buying war bonds, paying taxes, helping to hold down the home front and turning out the implements of war." Why, then, she asks, "must the movie-makers always dig back into the files and drag out something which they feel will please the bigots. Why cannot there be a picture made which will show the new Negro?"

The War Department's "The Negro Soldier" answers that question. Miss Washington, in a later column said she was satisfied with their answer but at the same time was worried about its distribution. She is afraid that something may hap-

"The Negro Soldier" vs. "Uncle Tom's Cabin"

pen to the film before it gets to the people. To make sure that nothing does, she offers the following suggestion which we endorse. It is that Negro and white committees be set up which will work closely with the mayors of their cities and the Public Relations representatives of the War Department. This will insure the widest possible exhibition of the film at the earliest moment. Unless something like this is done there is a danger that the film will not be seen in places where it will do the most good.

NAACP Honors Columbia

At its February meeting, the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples passed a resolution commanding Rex Ingram in the picture "Sahara" starring Humphrey Bogart. The resolution called "Sahara" the most significant effort Hollywood has yet made towards improving roles for Negroes.

Motion Picture Alliance

Clark Gable has been speaking for the Motion Picture Alliance, the Hearst-inspired red-baiting outfit recently set up to combat the anti-fascists in the movie industry. So far Gable who is a close personal friend of Hearst, and Gary Cooper are the only actors who have failed for this un-American movement.

Lewis Milestone's "The Purple Heart" is the next attraction at the Roxy, New York. Our Chinese-American friend H. T. Tsang has an important speaking part in the film...

Village Club, 10th A.D.

Bill Browder, Business Manager of the Daily Worker, tells me that the Village Club with a membership of 300, did a fine job in the Fourth War Bond drive. The club sent a committee over to the War Loan headquarters. Accepted as part of the collectors in the 10th A.D. area, the club set itself a goal of \$5,000. The cooperation of the membership was so good, the club over-filled its quota by more than 22 per cent. They raised something like \$8,200. One business house bought \$1,000 worth of bonds. Employees of another business bought \$1,000 worth. The rest was raised by members of the club and their friends. As an example of neighborhood activity in war-time, it's hard to beat.

Sholem Asch Attacks His Critics At Hollywood Fete in His Honor

LOS ANGELES.—Representatives of all sections of thought in Los Angeles Jewry, headed by a reception committee of 75 religious leaders, educators, Hollywood writers and personalities, business and labor leaders, welcomed Sholem Asch to Los Angeles this week at a rousing meeting

at Philharmonic Auditorium Sunday afternoon, and cheered him when he attacked his enemies, reaffirmed his Jewish faith and called for complete unity for the fight against fascism in every land where it exists.

Honor of introducing Asch to the audience fell to Edward G. Robinson, screen star, who declared him "a prophet with honor in his own country or any country" and said of his writings, "his words make sense in any language."

Representing the clergy on the program was Rabbi Max Nussbaum of Hollywood's Temple Israel while telegraphic greetings were extended Asch by Rabbi Edgar P. Magnin, president of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, and by U.S. District Judge Harry A. Hollzer, president of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, coordinating body of 181 Jewish organizations in the Los Angeles area.

Attacks the Spreaders of Poison

Asch met accusations that he has deserted Jewry with a flat denial and a frontal attack on those who play around with fascist elements and who play Hitler's game" especially singling out those who mutter and repeat Nazi accusations against Russia.

While Asch explained his religious position, attacked his enemies and beat.



SHOLEM ASCH

Workers Order, and Rabbi Nussbaum.

Earlier, the Freethill Gesangsfest a chorus of 60 voices, lead by Nathan Samoroff, sang the Star-Spangled Banner and a number of Jewish folk songs.

Tremendous applause greeted Molche Cypher, singing star, when he sang "Hatikvah" and the new Russian national anthem, which he said he was offering because Russia has done so much for the Jewish refugees of Europe."

Robinson said, "We take an extra pride in the knowledge that Mr. Asch is going to settle permanently in California. We take pleasure in knowing that in the years to come, this great hand and pen that writes so glowingly of the dignity of man, will be here among all the things we love so well."

Praise of Asch was also expressed by Chaim Shapiro, chairman of the reception committee.

Asch opened his talk with the words, "I have still the privilege to call you brothers and sisters" and was stopped by a tremendous ovation.

He then declared: "I have not signed and therefore I cannot ask forgiveness. I owe God everything. I consider all who leave their faults, traitors to their country."

This was in answer to accusations that he had forsaken Judaism for Christianity made in various Eastern newspapers.

Stands By His Jewish Faith

Referring to the attack made upon him by the Jewish Daily Forward, Asch declared: "They wanted to take my Jewishness from me. So long as a man claims to be a Jew, no one has the right to accuse him of being something else. I stand and will stand on the Jewish faith of one living God, Shema Yisrael, the same faith of my forefathers and the prophets."

"Jews must unite in a total war against fascism with all its ramifications and uproot it from our own midst if they find it there. The Jews must take their destiny in their own hands."

"The Jews must fight to obtain the guarantee of security with all civil and religious rights within all countries where they may live."

"Jews must unite to fight for Palestine as the Jewish homeland; the abrogation of the White Paper and for the rights of Jews, alone, to decide what quotas of Jews should enter Palestine."

Asch said, "I look upon my Jewish faith and my faith in Russia as being consistent. The rich Jews and their satellites have poisoned us against Russia, fearing for their worldly goods. Poor Jews have suffered long enough because of the rich. It's time we reversed the procedure."

"You can give me my Jewish soul. Without you, I am nothing. With you, I am Sholem Asch!"

Asch's words to Rabbi Nussbaum were in answer to the religious leader's talk in which he said of the writer, "We believe and expect of him that in the many more years to come he will continue to sell his faith to our people who need a new faith in life in order to survive."

Asch said he feared what might come in the United States should the reactionaries gain control of the government in the elections.

Swinging back to Soviet Russia, he asked, "Why fear partnership with Russia? It means partnership with millions of workers throughout the world. Is that bad matchmaking?"

In a very dry tone, he said: "The Jewish Daily Forward may seek defense through fascist groups and nations."

"I am brave enough," he exclaimed, "to say that which happened in Russia is one of the greatest things in history."

"It was the beginning of the realization of the messianic ideas of our prophets. I liken Lenin and Stalin and Roosevelt with the prophets of old. Their concern is the concern for the well-being of the people."

Created by Edward G. Robinson

Before Asch spoke, he was greeted by Edward G. Robinson, by Esther Foytash, the poetess; Peretz Hirshman, noted Yiddish writer; Samuel Ornitz, novelist and screenwriter; Abraham Maynudes, secretary, Jewish Section in Southern California of the International

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40-Year-Old Vet:

Odessa-Born Gottselig Still Aiding Hawks

It's true that life begins at 40, Johnny Gottselig, a prematurely youngster who is now in his sixteenth season of play with the Chicago Black Hawks won't begin to live until June 24. Nevertheless, when Johnny skates onto the ice at the Stadium, he likely as not does as much to accomplish the defeat of bitter rivals as any of his mates.

"We'll be in the Stanley Cup playoffs," insists Johnny, "and we may even finish in third place ahead of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Our team has a typical Hawk fighting spirit and will come through."

"Fighting spirit" is meaningful words for Gottselig. Born in Odessa, Russia, his folks came to Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, when he was two months old. Johnny attended St. John's College in Edmonton, Canada, and it was there that he learned to skate, and since the Oblate Fathers, who ran the school, insisted that all the boys skate during recess, sometime in weather 30 degrees below zero.

The Hawks acquired Johnny and sent him to Winnipeg, but brought him "up" to Chicago in 1928. The National Hockey League had been organized in 1926, but it wasn't until 1934 that the Hawks won their first Stanley Cup title—they have never won the league championship.

John's folks objected to his playing hockey, but youngsters in Canada

just naturally gravitate toward the game and soon John was playing regularly. When he left St. John's and returned to Regina he joined a group of kids who called themselves the "Ragged Pants Six." After a time they were outfitted by merchants and Al Ritchie, still a scout for the New York Rangers, became their coach. They changed their name to the Regals Pats.

In 1925, they took on all comers and finally met the Aura Lee club. This game had progressed only a short time when the Aura Lee boys took exception to the rough play of the Regals Pats. All the players on both teams dropped their sticks and engaged in a free-for-all, said to be the longest sustained team fight in hockey history. The Pats won the fight and the game.

They played the Manitoba University team in the finals for the world's junior championship. Gottselig's hockey career nearly ended when he was on to win the game and the early in the game, but his mate wen ton to win the game and the title. Johnny was in a hospital for over a month and nearly died, but he recovered and went back to play again.

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Radio Highlights

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2:30-3 P.M., WQXR—Leon Barzin conducts the orchestra.

3:30-4 P.M., WOR—Richard Dyer-Bennet, singer of folk music.

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5 P.M., WNYC (also FM)—Alfred Wallenstein's "American Concerto" with Ferenc Fricsay, conductor.

5:30-6 P.M., WNYC—Walter Weller, violinist, and Ferenc Fricsay, conductor.

6:30-7 P.M., WQXR—Lillian Mowry, soprano, and Leon Barzin, conductor.

7:30-8 P.M., WMCA—Five Stars—Sketch.

8:30-9 P.M., WMCA—Johannes, Steel, Compo.

9 P.M., WEAF—Cavalcade of America: "The Senior Angel," with Virginia Weidler.

10:30-9 P.M., WNYC (also FM)—Marjorie Mitchell, pianist.

11:30-12 P.M., WEAF, WXYZ—Oscar Levant, pianist, and Ferenc Fricsay, conductor.

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Churchill on Italy

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S remarks on Italy in last week's report on the war have provoked a bitter exchange between Marshal Badoglio and Count Carlo Sforza, which brings to the fore the problems of Italian politics. Churchill had defended Allied policy and insisted that only "if and when" Rome is captured will that policy be open to review. Badoglio immediately drew the conclusion that the monarchy and its henchmen now have a perspective of remaining in power indefinitely. But in so doing Marshal Badoglio gave the game away. For he revealed how absolutely dependent is his government on Allied, and particularly British, support, and therefore how far from expressing the real will and interests of the Italian people. For if Churchill had not spoken as he did, Badoglio would never have had the nerve to suggest that even after Rome is liberated does the miserable king intend to hang on to his tawdry crown.

The fact is that Churchill's passage on Italy was absolutely indefensible both from the viewpoint of mobilizing Italians to help the Allies reach Rome quickly and from the equally decisive viewpoint of carrying out the Moscow conference decisions. And we say this without in any way belittling Churchill's war leadership as a whole. If his arrogant attitude toward the Italians were merely the expression of his well-known personal convictions, that would not be surprising or material. But as a statement of policy, in which he spoke for our own government as well, the speech was unacceptable.

Churchill dismisses the 20-year struggle of Italy's best sons in most contemptuous fashion; he insults the Committee of National Liberation (representing the six democratic parties) in the metaphor of a "dishrag"; he rhapsodizes Marshal Badoglio's contributions to the war effort and speaks of the king's government as the only "legitimate authority" with whom the Allies can deal. On all counts, Churchill has no case and only harms the process of helping Italy to throw off the vestiges of fascism and takes its place in the ranks of the democratic world.

The fact is, if we may say so without rattling the bones in the closets of history, that the people of Italy and its leaders were valiantly battling to undermine Mussolini when that gangster was considered a somewhat messianic gentleman in the drawing-rooms of London. It was the upheaval of the masses in the north of Italy which contributed to Mussolini's eclipse at least as much as the Allied armies in the Mediterranean, not to mention the role of the Red Army's victories.

Marshal Badoglio's contribution cannot be measured by the hundred Italian ships in the Mediterranean. A democratic government would have commanded that many ships or more. What Badoglio cannot do is to inspire a mobilization of Italians for their own liberation, such as Churchill praises when he is compelled to acknowledge it in Yugoslavia; only the Committee of Liberation can do that. In fact, whereas Naples was liberated five days before our armies arrived by the action of the heroic Neapolitans themselves, the Italian army under Badoglio has disintegrated. So Gen. Eisenhower admitted late in December.

Last July, the British Prime Minister declared that Badoglio's future would be judged by whether he delivered Italy "whole-sale" to the Allies. That is precisely what the king's marshal did not do, and it is precisely what the popular forces alone could have done. Have we lost all sense of proportion to thank Badoglio for his failures? Have we lost all sense of humor to accept thanks

from Badoglio for praise which he does not deserve?

As for the "legitimacy" of the royal government, it is outrageous to consider a king who legalized Mussolini's seizure of power, who ratified war against Ethiopia, Greece, Spain, France, Great Britain, the U.S.S.R. and the United States the only legitimate authority in Italy. The fact is that the only function of this wizened remnant of royal furniture was to effect Italy's surrender. Having done that, his existence has become completely illegitimate from the viewpoint of helping Italians to liberate themselves, to crush fascism and regain democracy.

Such was the decision of the Moscow conference: to speed war against Germany, to crush and eradicate fascism in Italy, to restore democratic government. On all scores, the king and his marshal are cluttering up the road, if they have not actually become obstacles to the clearing of the road.

The road leads to Rome. The Prime Minister would help American and British soldiers get there faster if he applied in Italy the maxim he was compelled to recognize for Yugoslavia, namely, to work with those who kept their faith with us, and who are ready and able to help us fight.

Discomfort in AFL

EVERY day brings more evidence that there is a feeling of discomfort in American Federation of Labor circles because the AFL's executive council decided not to send delegates to the London World Congress of Labor June 5.

We have already noted President Daniel Tobin's appeal in the last issue of the Teamster for a reconsideration of AFL attitude toward Soviet trade unions. It was objection to Soviet labor's participation in the congress that decided the AFL's position.

Now comes expression from another of the AFL's great international unions, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees. An editorial in this union's journal expresses regret that delegates will not represent the AFL and notes that the CIO will be represented at London. A few days later, Hugo Ernst, international secretary-treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, at a New York meeting, was even more clear-cut in voicing this regret. Mr. Ernst saw no reason why the AFL should fear to risk contact with labor representatives of 37 countries in an exchange of views regarding steps for victory and post-war order.

From still a third international, the Brotherhood of Painters, comes most dramatic evidence in response to a resolution in favor of participation that was sent to every local from New York's District Council 9. The result amazed even the optimists. Hundreds of locals from hundreds of towns voted, all in favor. The replies received by the District Council cover well above 60 per cent of the Brotherhood's membership in the United States and Canada. Anyone familiar with the technique of sampling sentiment will agree that the painters indicate what may be expected in any AFL union, if given a fair test.

Now is the issue confined to labor unions. A number of newspapers, the latest the Capital Times, of Madison, Wisconsin which is neither anti-AFL nor particularly partisan to the Soviet Union, have editorially expressed indignation at the AFL council's brazen challenge to the spirit of the Tehran conference. These papers recognize the real meaning of a refusal to sit in a conference with the men and women who make the Soviet Union what it is.

There is still one more meeting of AFL executive council on May 1 at Philadelphia, before the London parley. There is still an opportunity to prevail upon its members to see the light.

Zaslavsky, Soviet Editor, Details Hearst Aid to Hitler

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)
MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper magnate, gets a blistering going-over here by the well-known Soviet journalist, David Zaslavsky.

Writing in Pravda, Zaslavsky calls Hearst "Adolph Hitler's American Friend," and takes issue with several recent articles in the New York Journal-American, and the New York Daily Mirror as representing Hearst's effort to answer the SOS from Adolf Hitler.

Criticizing also articles by the notorious pro-Nazi Hearst correspondent, Karl von Wiegand, the Soviet writer declares that "while the finest sons of Britain, the United States and the USSR are shedding their blood" to defeat Hitler, Hearst's henchmen are "spilling their poisoned ink to undermine the anti-fascist cause and preserve Hitler's gangster den in Europe."

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"In a certain newspaper this February, we found an article by a certain Karl von Wiegand warning that the Soviet Union intends to swallow up the Balkan countries, Poland, France, Spain, Germany and northern Italy," Zaslavsky begins.

"Another sheet in January calls Russia the 'inciter of the present world war' and appeals to the United States and Britain to break off relations with the Soviet Union and prepare a new world war against the Soviet people.

"There would be nothing astonishing about this if the first paper were published in Berlin and were called 'Volkischer Beobachter' and the second were called 'Das Schwarze Korps.'

"But the former is called the Journal-American and the second the Daily Mirror, both published in New York, while Karl von Wiegand is one of the prostitute journalists in the service of William Randolph Hearst.

"Hearst has long become not merely the name but the synonym for disgrace. Time and again, United States Senate commissions investigated the activities of Hearst which have bordered on crime and treason.

"During the first World War there was a charge against Hearst of receiving huge sums from Germany for enemy, anti-American propaganda.

"In 1916, the Hearst newspaper correspondents in Britain and France were deprived of the use of the telegraph because they were suspected of contact with the Germans.

"It stands to reason that Hearst is the bulwark of the blackest reaction in the United States, and when the fascist gangsters came to power in Germany, Hearst was irresistibly drawn to Germany.

"To his merited name of a press gangster, Hearst added the equally

HITLER'S HONOR GUEST

He was Hitler's guest of honor at the Nuremberg Congress in 1934. There, he made personal and very close acquaintance with all the ring leaders of the Hitlerite gang.

"He was readily taken into their confidence as regards their bandit plans and preparations for a world war. In his writings, he was full of admiration for Hitler's Alfred Rosenberg.

"Returning from Germany, Hearst came out as an open friend of Hitler and a preacher of the Hitlerite policy and fascist methods. He started a violent campaign against American democracy and culture, against the American working class and intelligentsia. This was the unadulterated fascist campaign.

"The open demonstration of the connection of American fascism with the Germans evoked an outburst of public indignation against Hearst in 1935-36.

"In a joint statement, the representatives of 15 American universities wrote that the Hearst campaign represents a deliberate and shameless attempt to introduce into

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In your daily issue of Friday, Feb. 18, you printed a story from Cleveland stating that Courtney D. Ward, secretary of the Painters District Council 6, AFL, and candidate for Congressman-at-Large in Ohio, has the support of Labor's Joint Committee and the Ohio Federation of Labor in his race for the Congressional post.

We do not know who sent in the story, or the source of the above information; but we have been asked by several trade union leaders, AFL and CIO, to inform you that Ward has not yet been endorsed by either Labor's Joint Committee or the Ohio Federation of Labor.

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In its latest issue—that of Feb. 11—it has a good right-to-the-point editorial display on the soldiers vote. Its title is "Who Has a Better Right to Vote?"

Then it also reports—and this is important—that "again the UE has taken the lead in Evansville in protecting the interests of its membership." It tells of a new contract under which full job and wage security are guaranteed. The union stands for company-wide seniority in its new proposal to the Sunbeam Corp. management. That may interest many of your readers.

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